

# Notice to 2005 Municipal Candidates Regarding Compliance with Campaign Finance Laws

Each Candidate<sup>1</sup> for a municipal office is, by law, required to *either*:

(1) Register a Candidate Committee, by completing and filing the form entitled "*Registration of Candidate Committee*" (ED-49);

*or*

(2) File an exemption from registering a candidate committee, if qualified<sup>2</sup>, by completing and filing the form entitled "*Certification of Exemption from Forming a Candidate Committee*" (B-4);

Within ***ten days*** with the Town Clerk.

Further information regarding this and any other requirement of the Campaign Finance laws is available at:

State Elections Enforcement Commission  
20 Trinity Street, Suite 101  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1628

Tel No. .... (860) 566-1776  
Toll Free within CT ..... 1-866-SEEC-INFO [1-(866)-733-2463]  
URL ..... <http://www.seec.state.ct.us>  
E-Mail ..... [seec@po.state.ct.us](mailto:seec@po.state.ct.us)

The Commission has the following, and *more*, available:

- A Guide Book for Municipal Candidates.
- Chapter 150 (Applicable State Statutes).
- Expert telephone advice on compliance with Campaign Finance Law and completion of the necessary forms.
- Campaign Finance Seminars held through out the State.

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## <sup>1</sup> ***Who is a Candidate?***

An individual who seeks nomination or election to public office, whether or not such individual is successful. An individual is deemed to be a candidate if he or she:

- a) personally, or through another person, has solicited or received funds or other resources, or made expenditures, including expenditures from personal funds, for the purpose of bringing about such individual's nomination or election to any office; or
- b) has been endorsed or nominated by a political party and is thus entitled to a position on the ballot at an election or primary (whether or not funds or resources have been solicited, received or expended); or
- c) is otherwise qualified for placement on the ballot pursuant to the election laws (whether or not funds or resources have been solicited, received or expended).

**NOTE:** If the candidate personally makes expenditures in the aggregate in excess of \$1,000 for the candidate's campaign then the candidate is required to file itemized financial disclosure statements as though a candidate committee had been formed and the candidate is the treasurer. Please refer to [A Guide for Municipal Candidates](#), Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission, Rev. July 2004.

## <sup>2</sup> ***Qualification for the Exemption***

To qualify for the exemption from forming a Candidate Committee, the form entitled "*Certification of Exemption from Forming a Candidate Committee*" (B-4) must be filed certifying that one of the following conditions is true:

- a) the candidate is one of a slate of candidates whose campaigns are to be funded solely by a town committee or a slate committee formed for the single election or primary, and expenditures made on behalf of the candidate's campaign are to be reported by the committee sponsoring his or her candidacy; or
- b) the candidate intends to finance his or her campaign entirely from personal funds and will not receive or expend funds from any other sources; or
- c) the candidate will not receive or expend in excess of \$1,000; or
- d) I do not intend to receive or expend any funds, including personal funds, for this campaign.